

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

<b>HELEN MOODY and CATHERINE KEATON,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 2:07-cv-318-A</b>
	)	
<b>LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC.,</b>	)	
<b>ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, and SHAWN DEE THORNTON,</b>	)	
	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**AMENDED NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

COMES NOW Defendant Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., by and through counsel, and hereby files and serves this Notice of Removal, removing this action from the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division. In support thereof, the Defendant states as follows.

1. This civil action was initiated in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama as case number CV 07-900005. The Complaint was served upon this Defendant on March 23, 2007 . A true and accurate copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

2. This Notice of Removal is filed and served within 30 days of the date of service as described above.

3. This action is being removed to Federal District Court on the basis of diversity jurisdiction as allowed by 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

4. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division, has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332. This action is removable under 28 U.S.C. § 1441.

5. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and removal is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, because there is diversity of citizenship. The Plaintiffs Helen Moody and Catherine Keaton are citizens of the State of New York. Defendant Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., is a North Carolina corporation, with its home office and principle place of business North Carolina; Defendant Allstate Insurance is a Illinois corporation with a principle place of business in Chicago, Illinois; and Defendant Shawn Dee Thornton is a resident of Montgomery, Alabama. As such, complete diversity of citizenship exists.

6. The amount in controversy of this matter exceeds the sum of \$75,000. According to the Plaintiffs' Complaint, both Helen Moody and Catherine Keaton claim to have suffered severe personal injuries in the automobile accident made the basis of this lawsuit. (See paragraph 15 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). Further, both Plaintiffs claim to have incurred substantial medical expenses and have sustained permanent disabilities. (See paragraph 18 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint). Based on representations of Plaintiffs' counsel, defense counsel believes that the medical bills incurred to date are in the range of at least \$30,000. Further, both of the Plaintiffs have claimed a

right to recover punitive damages from the Defendants. As such, the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

7. A copy of said Notice of Filing Notice of Removal was previously provided to this Court as Exhibit "B" to the original Notice of Removal.

8. This Notice is signed pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) as amended, which eliminates the requirement for a verified petition.

9. A copy of all pleadings, papers, Notices, and Orders, which have been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama which have not previously been provided to this Court, are now attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

10. For the reasons stated herein, this Federal District Court has jurisdiction of this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 and the case is properly removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1441.

Respectfully submitted,

s/JOSEPH E. STOTT

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<b>COMPANY, and SHAWN DEE</b>	)	
<b>THORNTON,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have on April 26, 2007 served a copy of the foregoing on the following attorneys of record via Efile and/or by placing a copy of same in the U.S. Mail:

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s/Joseph E. Stott  
**OF COUNSEL**

**EXHIBIT “A”**



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA**

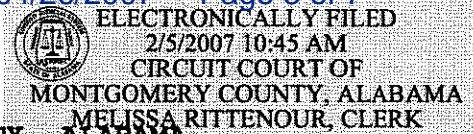
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The following answer was FILED on 2/5/2007 10:45:25 AM

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ANSWER

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COMES NOW the defendant, Allstate Insurance Company, and answers the complaint as follows, separately and severally:

1. The defendant admits that it provides UIM (underinsured motorist) coverage to the plaintiff Helen Moody subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable Allstate policy. Defendant denies that coverage is available to the plaintiff Catherine Keaton.
2. The general issue is plead, and, to the extent not admitted in the preceding paragraph, each and every material allegation contained in the complaint is denied, and strict proof thereof is demanded.
3. The defendant avers that the defendant's UIM coverage available to plaintiff Moody is secondary to the UIM coverage afforded to the plaintiff by USAA.
4. Defendant denies that the plaintiff is entitled to recover the items and amount of damages alleged in the complaint and demands strict proof thereof.
5. Defendant avers that it is entitled to either a set-off or credit to the extent of all available liability limits of any other defendant.

6. Defendant reserves the right to amend this answer.

**TRIAL BY STRUCK JURY IS DEMANDED**

Bys/Celeste Patton Armstrong  
Celeste Patton Armstrong  
(PAT044)  
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This is to certify that I have on this date served a copy of the within and foregoing upon:

Jason W. Gammons, Esquire  
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This 5th day of February, 2007.

s/Celeste Patton Armstrong  
OF COUNSEL



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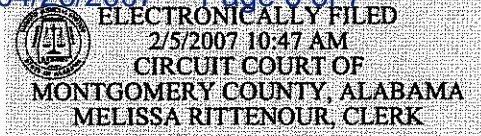
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## NOTICE OF SERVICE OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL

I hereby certify that a copy of the following designated discovery material has this date been served upon counsel for all parties to this action by United States mail, first class postage prepaid and properly addressed:



Interrogatories and Request for Production  
of Documents to Plaintiffs

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This 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

s/Celeste Patton Armstrong  
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